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MATANZAS, CUBA, *August 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended August 12, 1899: Twenty-seven deaths were reported in the city of Matanzas during this period, representing a mortality of 35.24 per thousand. The principal causes of death were as follows: Malaria, 8; enteritis, 3; heart disease, 3; tuberculosis, 2; yellow fever, 1; infectious fever, 1; meningitis, 1; other causes, 8. The following cases of an infectious nature were reported: Diphtheria, 1; typhoid fever, 2. Fourteen pieces of baggage were inspected, sealed, and passed, and 35 pieces were disinfected. Of the latter, 33 pieces were disinfected at the request of the military health authorities. Twelve personal health certificates were issued. Eight vessels were inspected, 4 of which were given bills of health.

Eight days have elapsed since the case of yellow fever reported on the 7th instant, was isolated and the house and contents disinfected, and it is reasonable to suppose that this source of infection has been removed. During the past two weeks the weather has been very dry and warm.

The reports from the supports in the district under my command are satisfactory, and show them to be free from any quarantinable disease.

Very respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Sanitary reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, Daiquiri, and Guantanamo.*SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *August 5, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the city of Santiago for the week ended August 5, 1899:

During the week there was a total of 24 deaths, a decrease of 3 from the preceding week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 7; malarial diseases, 2; intestinal diseases, 6; other causes, 9; total, 24. Population, 34,000; mortality, 36.7 per 1,000.

During the same week there was a total of 31 vessels inspected—17 on arrival and 14 on departure. None were detained in quarantine.

During the week 2 steamers were disinfected—the Norwegian steamer *Gyller* prior to departure for Mayaguez, Ponce, and San Juan, Porto Rico, and the Danish steamer *Flandria* prior to departure for Mobile, Ala.

The yellow fever situation as to number of cases is improving, there being 7 cases with 2 deaths for the week, a decrease of 1 both in cases and deaths. One hundred and ninety-three cases and 38 deaths were previously reported; this makes the total 200 cases and 40 deaths, a mortality of 20 per cent.

A Spaniard, by name Gonzales, whom the engineer of the launch had assisting him, was taken sick on Tuesday with the disease and has since died. He contracted the disease at his boarding house on lower Enramadas street.

The disinfecting bark *Rough Rider* is running continuously and giving excellent satisfaction.

Plans have been made for the disinfecting house on the dock, and work will be commenced immediately.

P. A. Surg. M. J. Rosenau arrived at the station on Monday and left on Thursday, after inspecting the plant.

## MANZANILLO.

Sanitary Inspector Socarras reports for the week ended August 5, as follows: Four deaths from noninteresting causes.

A total of 13 vessels was inspected—9 on arrival and 4 on departure.

During the week there was 1 new case of yellow fever; it was sent to the hospital. One suspected case was also removed, but subsequent events proved it to be paludal fever. The health of the city is excellent.

## DAQUIRI.

Sanitary Inspector Jongh reports the following for the week ended July 29: Two vessels were inspected; both on arrival and departure. No deaths during the week.

For the week ended August 5 he reports that no vessels were inspected and no deaths occurred.

## GUANTANAMO.

Sanitary Inspector Espin reports for the week ended July 29 a total of 5 vessels inspected—4 on arrival and 1 on departure.

Respectfully, yours,

HERMAN B. PARKER,

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*Case of yellow fever on British steamship Sutherland at Santiago.*

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, August 8, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival of the British steamer *Sutherland* Monday, August 7, 1899, at this station from Havana with 1 case, the captain, of yellow fever on board. While in Havana the vessel lay at Casa Blanca, the captain being the only one on shore. The case was at once removed to the yellow fever hospital, where he died Tuesday night. Energetic measures were taken to protect the balance of the crew. As the captain was unconscious when the vessel arrived in port no history could be obtained.

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## ITALY.

*Weekly report from Naples.*

NAPLES, ITALY, August 2, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended August 2, 1899, bills of health were issued to the following ships: On July 28, the steamship *Aller* of the North German Lloyd Company, bound for New York with passengers and cargo was inspected.

There were inspected and passed 624 steerage passengers, and the steamship company was advised to reject the following cases: Trachoma, 15; anæmia, 3; favus, 4; heart disease, 2; humpback, 1; poor physique, 5; partial opacity of cornea, 1; tinea barbae, 1; senility, 3; cataract both eyes, 1; suppurating inflammation of eye, 1. There were also inspected 213 pieces of small, and 1,020 pieces of large, baggage.